

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2651
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

INTRODUCTION OF MORE TRAINS

2651. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to transfer a part of railway lines in Thiruvananthapuram division to adjoining division in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether this move is against the assurance given by the authorities to the people of Kerala when there was a similar move earlier and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce more trains on the new Palakkad-Pollachi broad gauge route as per the demand of passengers and businessmen in both Tamil Nadu and Kerala; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): To cater to the needs of passengers of Palakkad-Pollachi section, 03 pairs of train services have been provided on the section, with effect from 01.11.2017, by extending the following trains via Palakkad-Pollachi:-

(i) 22651/22652 Chennai Central-Pollachi Express up to Palakkad.

(ii) 16343/16344 Thiruvananthapuram-Palakkad Amritha Express up to Madurai.

(iii) 56769/56770 Tiruchendur-Palani Passenger up to Palakkad.

Besides, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, commercial viability and availability of resources.

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